

A map of Iraq and surrounding regions, with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The map shows the Persian Gulf to the southeast and the Mediterranean Sea to the northwest.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

The Government of Iraq announced an increase in the prices of refined oil products that would take effect beginning June 20. Increasing prices is an important step to reduce subsidies and bring prices in line with costs of producing and importing refined products.

6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

The government of Iraq released 450 detainees June 15, following a joint Iraqi-US review. 824 detainees have been freed since Maliki announced his plan to release 2,000 detainees as a gesture to promote national reconciliation.

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[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Coalition Forces Find Remains of Two Missing US Soldiers:

- Two coalition soldiers that were listed as duty status and whereabouts unknown after insurgents attacked their traffic control point June 16 were found dead late June 19 in the vicinity of Yusifiyah.
- Over 8,000 Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces had been conducting search operations, looking for the two soldiers since they were reported missing June 16.

Coalition Forces Kill Sheikh Mansur, Top al Qaida Terrorist:

- Coalition forces killed one of al Qaida's top five terrorists in Iraq, Sheikh Mansur, along with two other terrorists in an air strike on their vehicle June 16. Mansur was al Qaida's top spiritual leader in Iraq and a "right hand man" to former leader Abu Musab al Zarqawi.
- Coalition forces also detained a senior al Qaida cell leader and three suspected terrorists during coordinated raids southwest of Baquba June 19.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Disruption of al Qaida in Iraq (AQI, AQIZ) Network:

Key Kills

- June 4: Abu Yazid - foreign fighter facilitator/operational planner (al Ameriyah)
- June 7: Abu Musab al Zarqawi (AMZ) - AQIZ leader (Baquba)
- June 7: Sheikh Abd al Rahman - AMZ spiritual advisor (Baquba)
- June 8-9: AMZ follow-on operations kill five additional terrorists and detain multiple others (Baghdad)
- June 11: Nazir, Aysar, Abu Thawban - foreign fighter facilitators (al Ameriyah)
- June 16: Abu Abdullah - foreign fighter tied to Sheikh Mansur (Northwest of Baghdad)
- June 16: Sheikh Mansur and two other terrorists (Yusifiyah)

Key Captures (names withheld)

- June 8: An AQIZ military cell leader in Baghdad (Baghdad)
- June 9: A senior AQIZ foreign fighter network facilitator (Fallujah)
- June 10: A senior Ramadi-based AQIZ leader (Yusifiyah)
- June 18: A senior AQIZ Taji-based terrorist cell leader (Yusifiyah)



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – **Iraqi Security Forces**

Iraqi Army Battalion Takes Lead at Forward Operating Base Lutafiyah:

- The 1st Battalion, 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division assumed responsibility of the Lutafiyah area of southwest Baghdad from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division June 15.

Iraqi Government Kicks Off Operation Forward Together:

- The Iraqi Government launched Operation Forward Together June 14 to improve security conditions in Baghdad and provide humanitarian assistance.
 - With the Ministry of Interior in the lead and the Iraqi Army and Coalition forces in support, the plan includes increased checkpoints, a curfew, weapons law enforcement, and raids against terrorist cells.
 - Iraq's Prime Minister said the country's new constitutionally-based representative government is in charge of providing security and that he will ensure Iraq's security forces are professional, impartial, and continue to increase their presence in Baghdad by taking the lead in protecting all Iraqis.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~104,700
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	~43,800
TOTAL	~148,500*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~114,700***
AIR FORCE	~600
NAVY	~800
TOTAL	~116,100**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~264,600****

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

*** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

**** Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Data as of June 19, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

CoR Completes By-Laws:

- After agreeing that Council of Representatives (CoR) staffing decisions will be made by consensus between the Speaker and the two deputies, the CoR completed its by-laws June 14. The CoR has moved forward to the formation of committees. Once committee member names are finalized, the CoR will vote to approve the compositions of each committee June 21.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi National Unity Government

		Deputy President Tariq al-Hashimi	President Jalal Talabani	Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
		Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih	Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki	Deputy Prime Minister Salam al-Zawba'i	
(F) = Female					
Minister of Agriculture Ya'rub Nathim	Minister of Communications Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Minister of Culture As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi	Minister of Defense Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim	Minister of Displacement & Migration Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan	Minister of Electricity Karim Wahid
Minister of Education Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	Minister of Environment Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Minister of Finance Bayan Jabr	Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshyar Zebari	Minister of Health Ali al-Shammari	Minister of Higher Education Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili
Minister of Human Rights Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	Minister of Industry & Minerals Fawzi al-Hariri	Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bolani	Minister of Justice Hashim al-Shibli	Minister of Housing & Construction Bayan Daza'l (F)	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahrastani	Minister of Planning Ali Baban	Minister of Trade Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	Minister of Science & Technology Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Riyad Ghurayyib	Minister of Transportation Karim Mahdi Salih
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Minister of State for Civil Society Adil al-Asadi	Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs Akram al-Hakim	Minister of State for National Security Affairs Shirwan al-Waili	
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	Minister of State for Governorates Affairs Sa'd Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities Liwa Sumaysim	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	Minister of State for CoR Affairs Safa al-Safi	



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

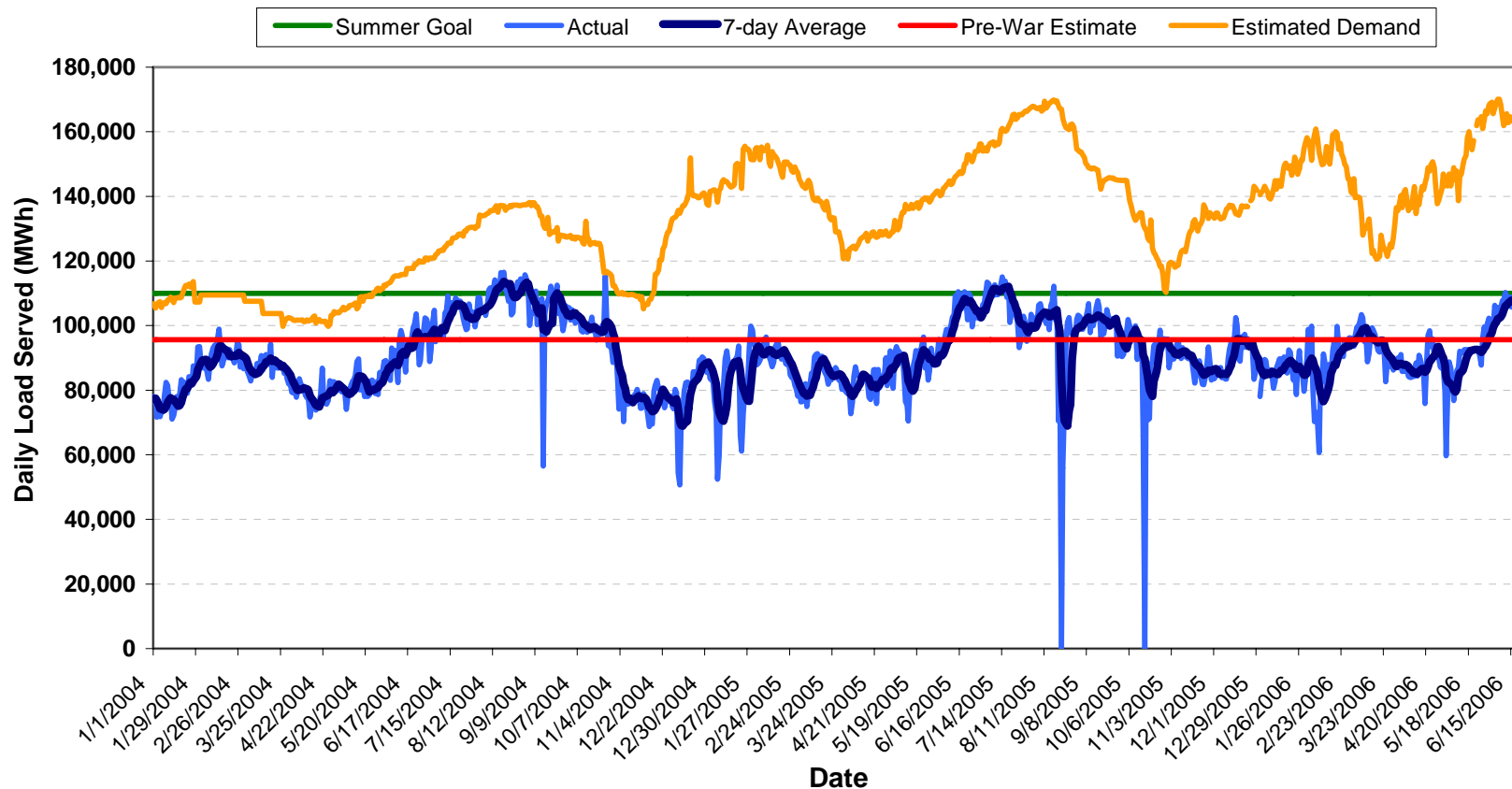
Sector	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,036.00	\$5,036.00	\$4,961.48	\$4,961.30	-\$0.18	\$4,946.73	\$4,946.48	-\$0.25	\$4,529.17	\$4,541.04	\$11.88
Electricity Sector	\$4,220.02	\$4,220.02	\$4,000.85	\$3,960.68	-\$40.17	\$3,495.17	\$3,469.75	-\$25.42	\$2,246.21	\$2,280.79	\$34.59
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,735.60	\$1,695.09	\$1,690.50	-\$4.59	\$1,625.24	\$1,623.22	-\$2.02	\$964.18	\$995.31	\$31.12
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,340.90	\$1,315.95	\$1,258.43	\$1,258.95	\$0.52	\$1,213.47	\$1,205.16	-\$8.31	\$854.51	\$860.02	\$5.52
Democracy	\$1,013.85	\$1,033.85	\$981.29	\$981.43	\$0.14	\$979.12	\$979.19	\$0.08	\$776.37	\$787.82	\$11.45
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$357.87	\$357.87	\$0.00	\$354.23	\$354.23	\$0.00	\$275.79	\$278.51	\$2.72
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.71	\$333.71	\$318.20	\$317.12	-\$1.08	\$314.28	\$313.38	-\$0.89	\$183.84	\$184.45	\$0.60
Health Care	\$746.30	\$739.00	\$705.31	\$713.80	\$8.49	\$662.41	\$663.25	\$0.84	\$486.23	\$489.47	\$3.24
Transportation and Communications	\$469.11	\$465.51	\$451.90	\$450.07	-\$1.83	\$427.27	\$427.75	\$0.48	\$285.26	\$288.71	\$3.45
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$1,984.27	\$1,985.52	\$1.25	\$1,660.97	\$1,672.57	\$11.60	\$1,122.98	\$1,124.44	\$1.45
Private Sector Development	\$805.28	\$805.28	\$799.08	\$799.08	\$0.00	\$794.18	\$794.18	\$0.00	\$654.62	\$659.21	\$4.59
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$102.84	\$102.84	\$0.00
Total	\$18,443.95	\$18,439.00	\$17,726.19	\$17,688.75	-\$37.44	\$16,685.48	\$16,661.58	-\$23.89	\$12,481.99	\$12,592.60	\$110.61
IRRF II Construction			\$10,128.10	\$10,090.28	-\$37.82	\$9,317.79	\$9,289.96	-\$27.83	\$6,532.45	\$6,594.59	\$62.14
IRRF II Non-Construction			\$6,616.81	\$6,617.05	\$0.24	\$6,388.57	\$6,392.43	\$3.85	\$5,173.17	\$5,210.19	\$37.02
IRRF II Democracy			\$981.29	\$981.43	\$0.14	\$979.12	\$979.19	\$0.08	\$776.37	\$787.82	\$11.45
IRRF I Total	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	\$2,232.3	\$2,232.3	\$0.00	\$2,139.00	\$2,139.0	\$0.00
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,917.25	\$20,912.30	\$20,199.49	\$20,162.05	-\$37.44	\$18,917.78	\$18,893.88	-\$23.89	\$14,620.99	\$14,731.60	\$110.61

As of June 20, 2006



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- Electricity availability in Baghdad averaged 8.3 hours per day in the last week (June 13-19). Nationwide average electricity availability increased from 11.7 to 12.5 hours per day.
- In early June, the Ministry of Electricity successfully repaired a critical transmission line three times within 48 hours after separate insurgent attacks.
- Electricity output during the reporting period was approximately equal to the same period in 2005.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Water and Sanitation**

Water:

- Construction was completed on the \$803,000 US Army funded water supply network and compact water unit project in Abu Ghraib, Baghdad Province. The pipeline provides drinking water to homes and schools in the villages of Zeljalba, Kwainat, and Sumailat.

Sanitation:

- Construction was completed on three Solid Waste Transfer Station projects that increase solid waste removal capabilities in Baghdad Province – two in Nissan neighborhoods and one in a Sadr City neighborhood. Each project provides a central location for garbage collection trucks to transfer trash to large capacity trucks, which then transfers it to the solid waste dumpsite. The three projects range in value from \$157,000 to \$279,000 and were funded through the Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP).



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Education**

Education:

- Construction was completed on a school project that will benefit 150 students and eight faculty members in Mosul, Ninewah Province. The al Basasel School project added six additional classrooms to the existing facility. The \$434,000 project was funded with the Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP).
- Construction was completed on a project for a girls' school in Khairat, Karbala Province that will benefit 480 students. The \$153,000 US Army funded project included demolition of the old school and construction of a new single-story school with 12 classrooms.
- Renovations were completed on the Malk al Ashtar School project in Diwaniyah, that will benefit some 2,000 Iraqi students currently attending classes in two smaller and older schools. The \$93,000 US Army funded project renovated an existing two-story, 31-room school building, formerly called the Saddam Hussein School. The facility was in poor repair and heavily vandalized following the collapse of the previous regime.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity and Transportation**

Transportation:

- Construction was completed for a \$421,000 US Army funded Road Improvement Project in Tarmiya, Baghdad Governorate. The project employed an average of 12 Iraqi workers for 1.5 months. These workers cleared four kilometers of road from surface trash and debris, graded the foundation, lay gravel, and wet the expedient material and compact. These road improvements benefit 100,000 local people in Tarmiya by providing easier flow of traffic and less congestion.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending June 16 closed with the following prices:
 - Basra Light at \$58.35/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$69.49/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$68.75/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$64.51/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	29,886	28,150	-5.81%
USAID	32,062	31,651	-1.28%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	1,158	695	-39.98%
MILCON (Military Construction)	434	370	-14.75%
CERP*	10,675	9,802	-8.18%
MNSTC-I	8,014	8,035	0.26%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	15,455	15,505	0.32%
GRAND TOTAL	97,684	94,208	-3.56%

* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

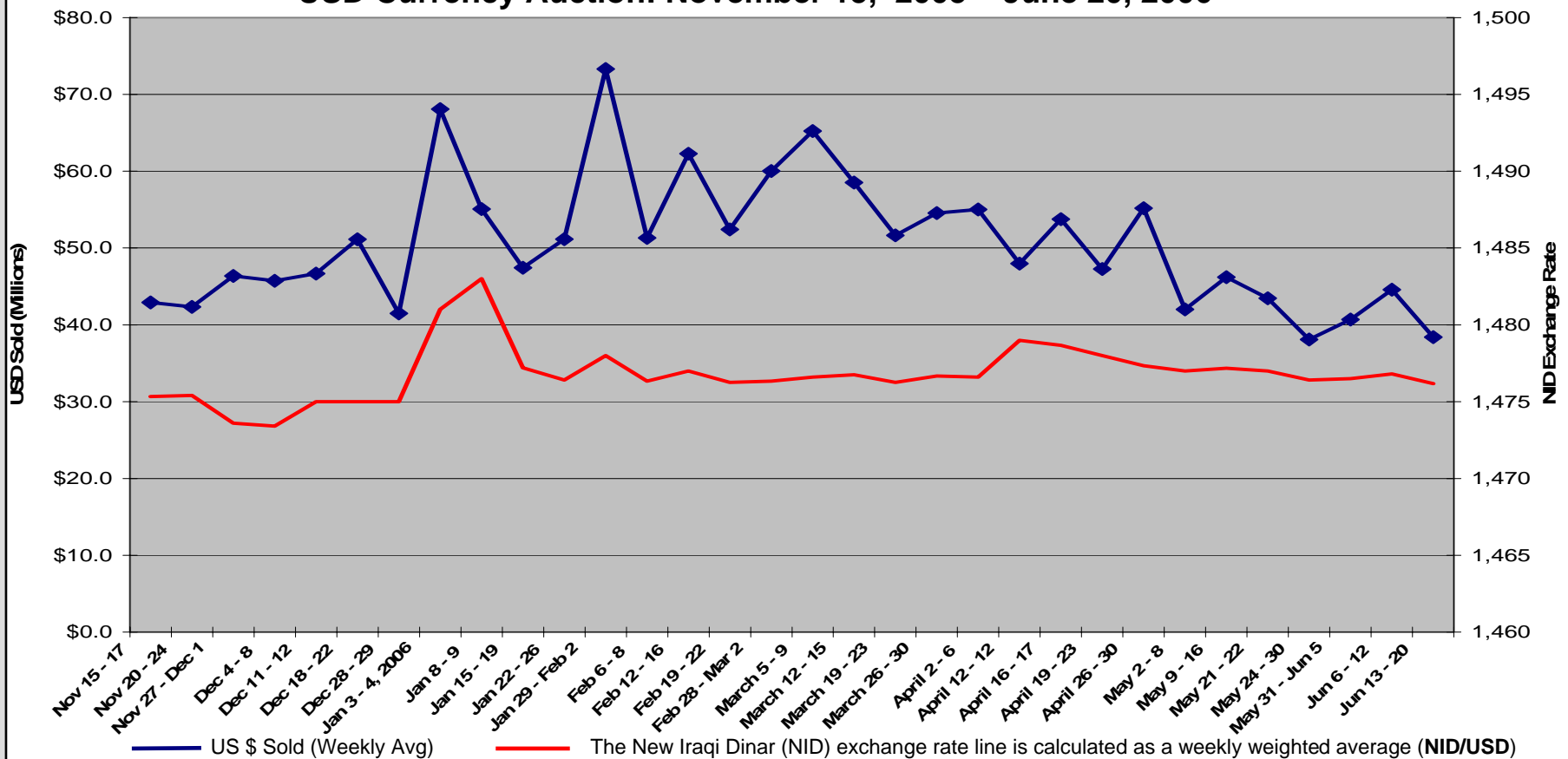


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since November 15, 2005. The dinar remained stable against the dollar this week, ending at 1,477 dinars per USD June 20.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: November 15, 2005 – June 20, 2006



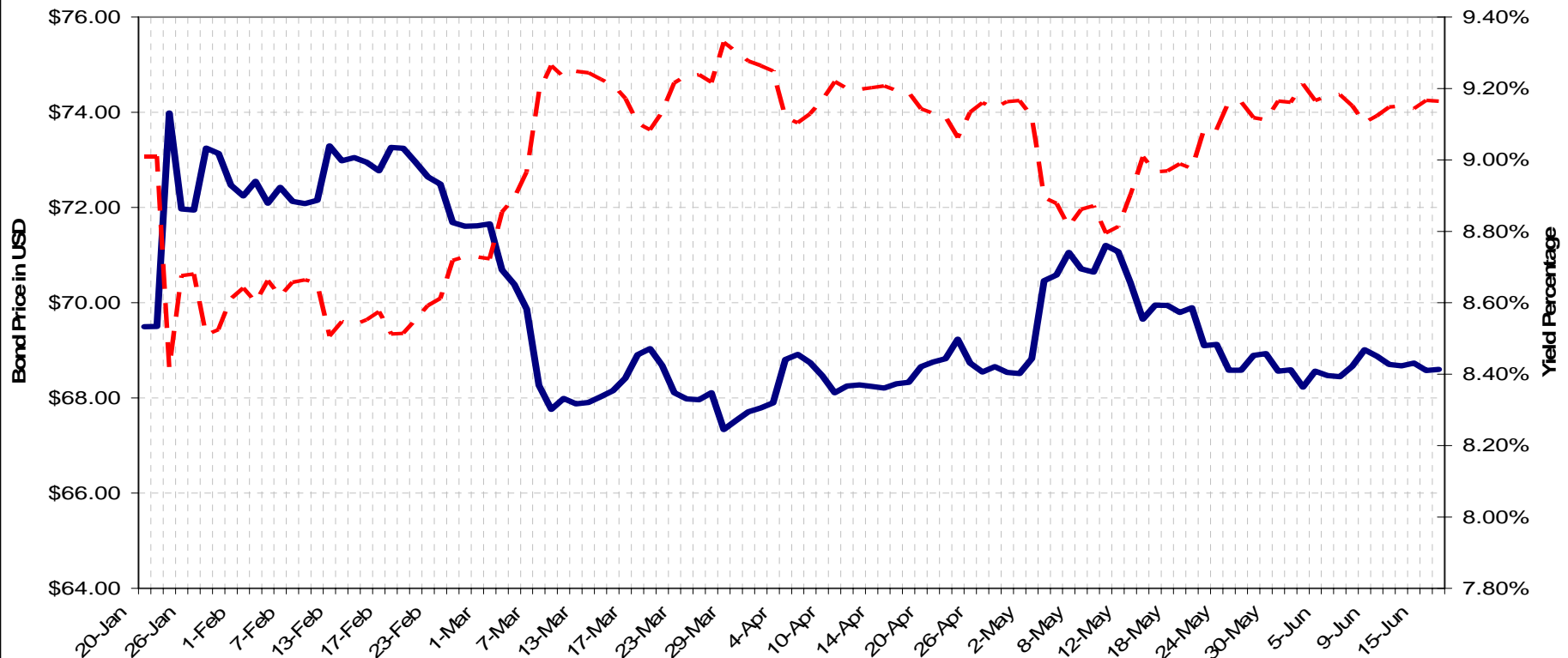


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to about two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement at Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds' current yield of 9.16 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
January 20, 2006 - June 16, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$67.34 (March 28)

— Bond Price — Yield



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – **Market Economy Transition**

Fuel Price Liberalization:

- The Government of Iraq announced an increase in the prices of refined oil products that would take effect at the end of June. This change would affect liquified petroleum gas, diesel, gasoline, and kerosene. Increasing fuel prices to bring them closer to production costs and regional averages was part of the reform package agreed upon with the IMF and is an important step for fiscal sustainability by reducing subsidies.



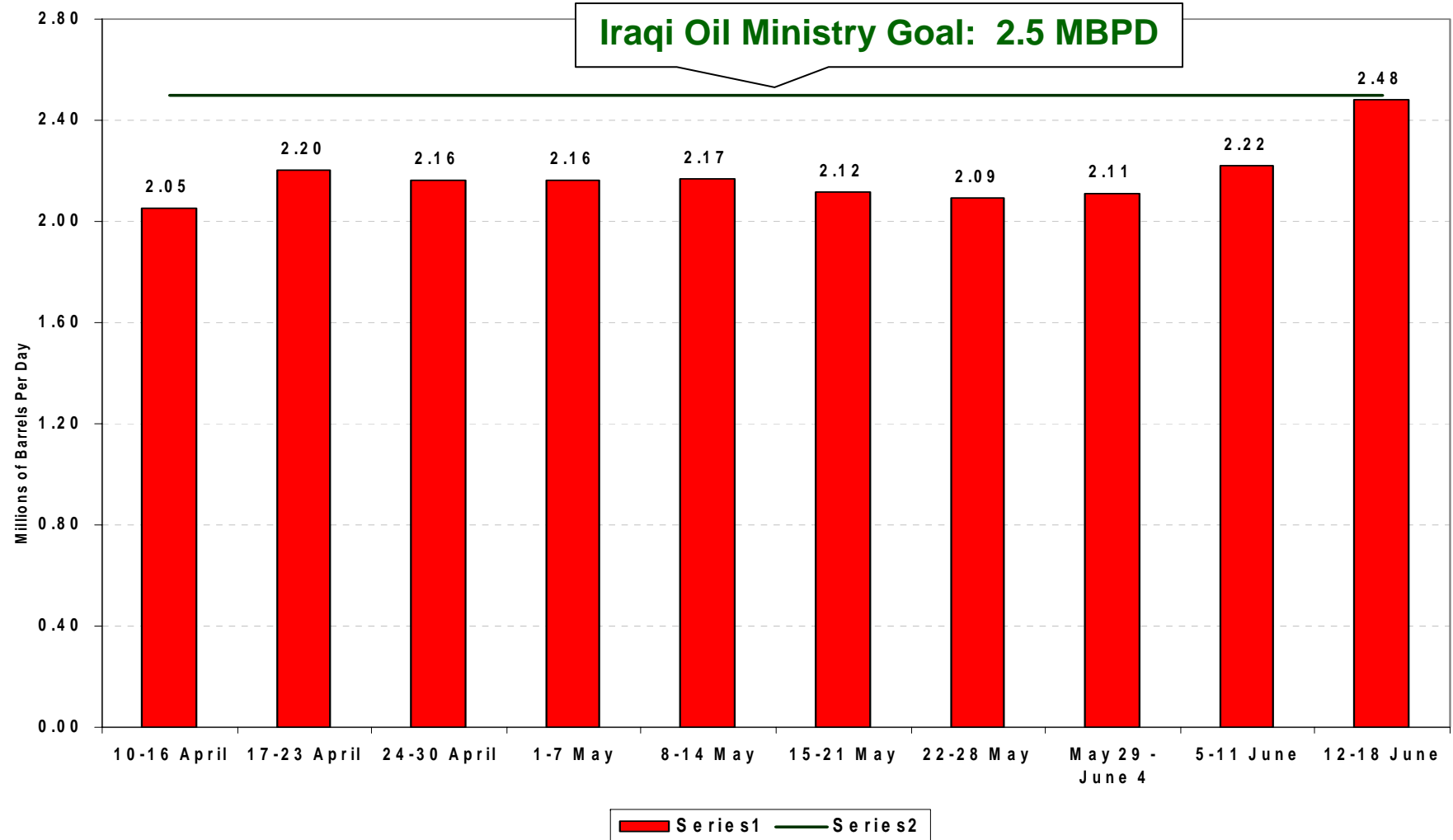
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Private Sector Development

Agriculture Business Training:

- The Agriculture Reconstruction and Development Program for Iraq (ARDI) held business management training courses the week of June 12 for beekeeping associations from across Iraq and for ten Veterinary Private Sector Providers (PSPs) from Basra. These US government-funded workshops introduce basic economic concepts and teach specific skills needed to run a business. Participants work in small groups to create their own business plans, income and cash flow statements and receive feedback from ARDI trainers.



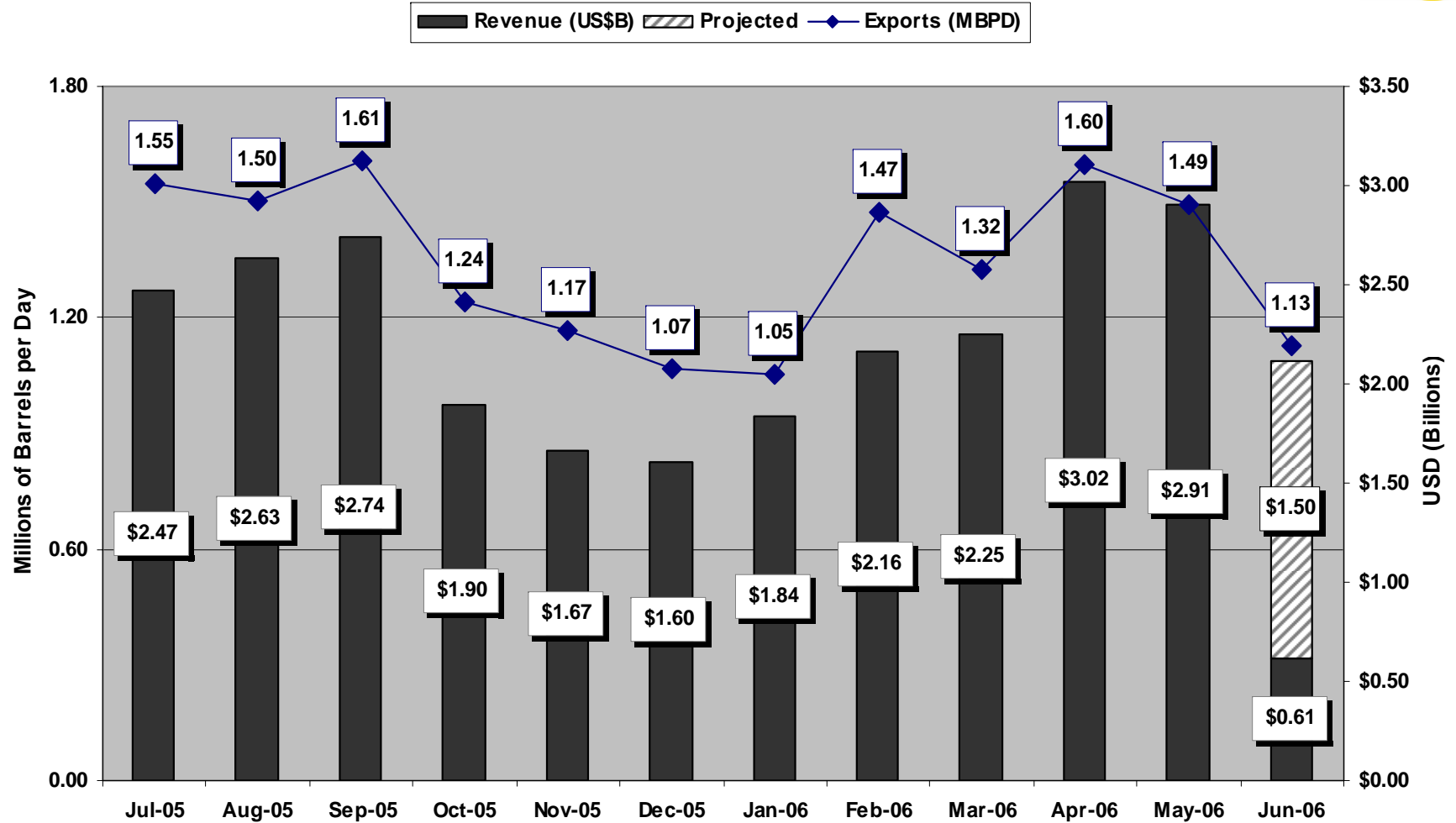
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (June 12-18) of 2.48 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



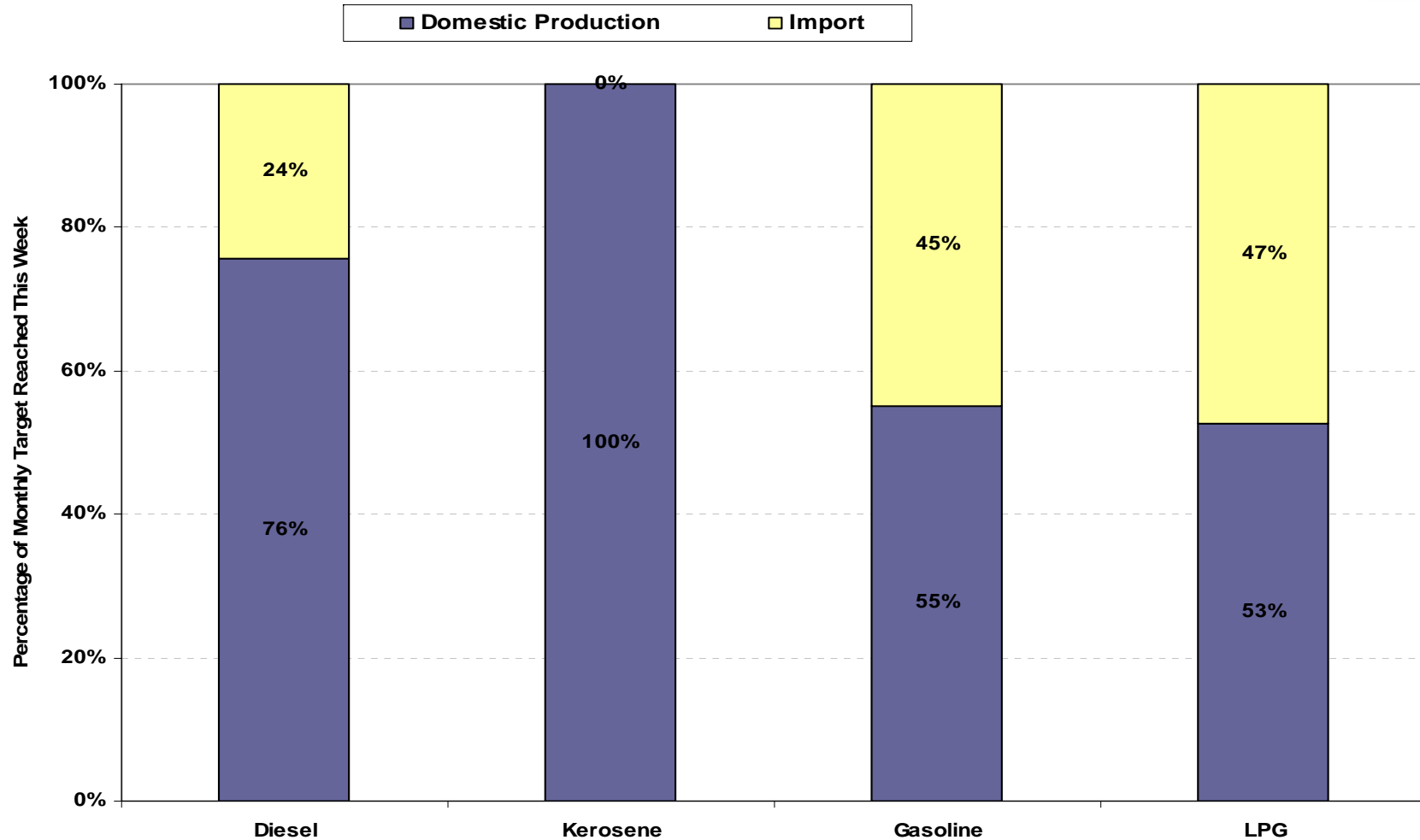
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$13.1 Billion (Year to Date)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

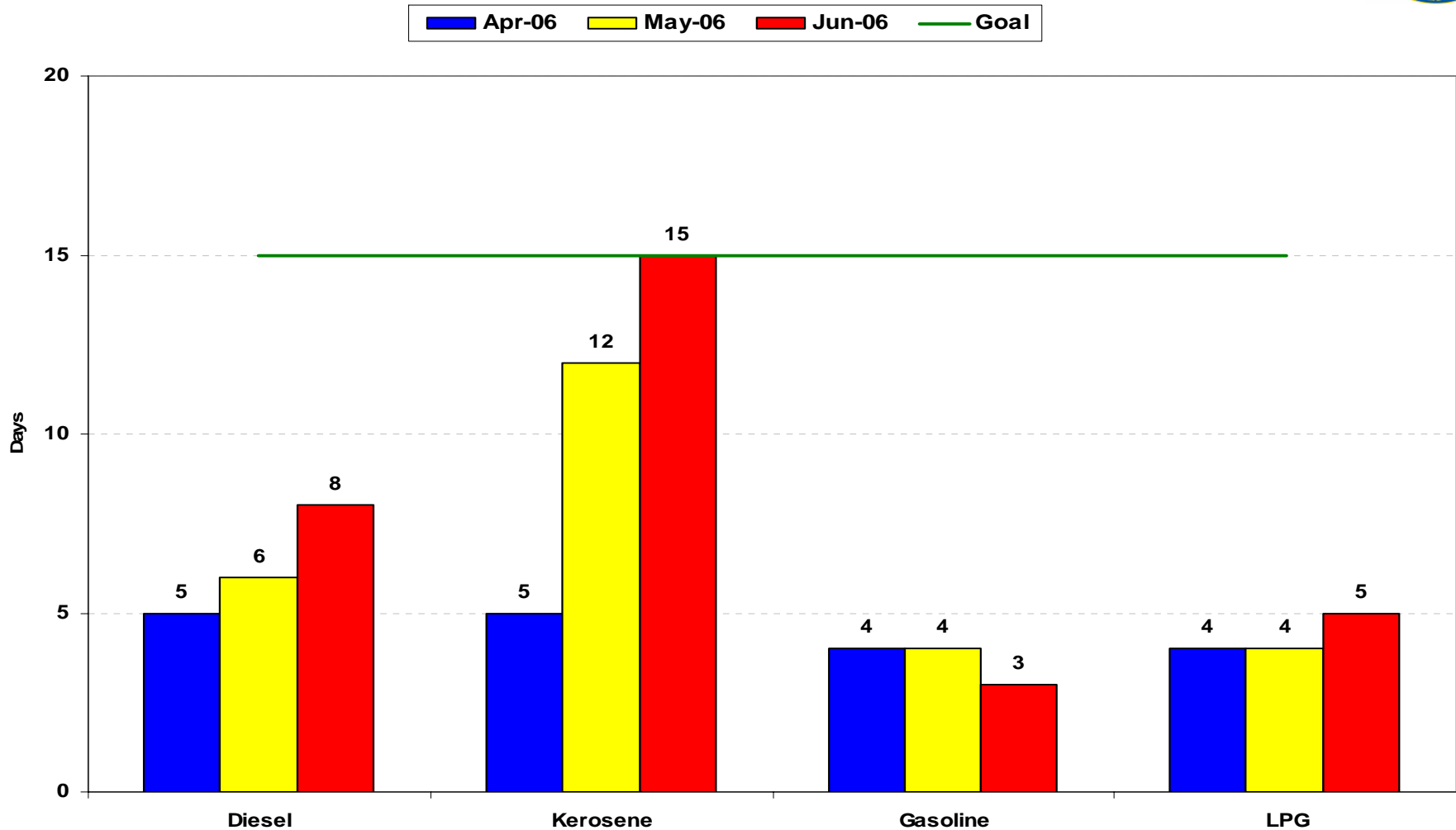


Note: This is a daily average for the week of June 12-18

- Diesel: 17.2 ML supply of 20.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 4.3 ML supply of 5.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 16.7 ML supply of 20.5 ML target
- LPG: 3,488 tons supply of 4,500 tons target



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights— Iraqi Judicial System

Iraq Releases Another 450 Detainees:

- The government of Iraq released 450 detainees, which represents the third batch of security suspects to be freed as part of a reconciliation bid ordered by Prime Minister Nuri al Maliki. “A total of 450 detainees were released from the Abu Ghraib prison, Camp Bucca and Camp Suse,” following a joint Iraqi-US review, a justice ministry spokeswoman told Agence France-Presse June 15. 824 detainees have been freed since Maliki announced his plan to release 2,000 detainees as a gesture to promote national reconciliation. According to the US military, 14,000 prisoners are being held in US-run detention centers.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights— Iraqi Judicial System

Prosecutor Urges Death Penalty for Saddam:

- The prosecutor in the case of Saddam Hussein requested the death penalty for the ousted leader and two of his co-defendants. In closing arguments June 19, the prosecutor stated that the former Iraqi leader and his regime committed crimes against humanity in a “revenge” attack on Shiite civilians in the 1980s. The arguments brought the eight-month-old trial into its final phase. After the June 19 session, the court adjourned until July 10, when the defense will begin making its final summation. Saddam, dressed in a black suit, sat silently, sometimes taking notes, as chief prosecutor Jaafar al Mussawi delivered his arguments, listing the evidence against each of the eight defendants. Concluding his remarks, Mussawi asked for the death penalty against Saddam, his half brother Barzan Ibrahim - the head of the Mukhabarat intelligence agency at the time - and Taha Yassin Ramadan, a former senior regime member.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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UN Agrees to Support Iraq in Developing International Compact:

- UN Secretary General Kofi Annan approved Iraqi and US requests this week to provide Iraq with support in developing the International Compact. The UN will cooperate with the Iraqi Government and the donor community, including the United Nations Development Program and the World Bank, to develop a joint approach to support the new Iraqi Government. Under the revised plan, Baghdad will commit itself to a series of political, economic and security steps in exchange for international aid and political support.

UN Continues Multinational Forces Mandate:

- As required under United Nations Security Resolution 1637, members of the Security Council discussed on 15 June the mandate of the Multinational Force (MNF) in Iraq, certain arrangements for the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI), and the International Advisory and Monitoring Board (IAMB). Members of the Council agreed upon the continuation of the mandate of the MNF and of the arrangements for the DFI and IAMB, in accordance with UNSCR 1637.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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EU Representative meets with VP Abdul-Mahdi:

- Javier Solana, European Union High Representative (HR) for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), met with Vice President Adil Abdul-Mahdi to discuss latest developments in Iraq. Solana confirmed the EU's support for the new constitutionally elected government, underlined the importance of national reconciliation, and reiterated the EU's readiness to engage with Iraq and assist in the process of reconstruction. In particular, the HR explained the recent decision to extend the EUJUST LEX mission until the end of 2007.

US and European Union Pledge to Support Newly Formed Iraq Government:

- President Bush met with the leadership of the European Union at the 2006 US-EU Summit to discuss promoting peace, human rights and democracy worldwide. In a joint declaration, they stated the US and EU's commitment to "support the newly constitutionally elected government of Iraq and call upon it to continue the policies of inclusiveness as a means to overcome divisions within Iraq." In addition, they pledged to assist in building "an independent, stable, secure, democratic, prosperous and united Iraq at peace with its neighbours," and called on the international community "to show its support for the new government in particular by increasing development, rule of law, and security assistance, offering capacity building support, and providing generous debt relief."



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of June 19, 2006

28 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Lithuania	Romania
Armenia	Estonia	Macedonia	Singapore
Australia	Georgia	Moldova	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Italy	Mongolia	South Korea
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Netherlands	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Poland	UK
Czech Republic	Latvia	Portugal	
Denmark			

TOTAL ~ 20,000 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

34 Countries and NATO*
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*34 includes the 28 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and as four NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Slovenia, Turkey



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- In his weekly radio address June 17, President Bush discussed his recent trip to Iraq, saying that his reasoning for traveling to Baghdad was to “personally show our Nation’s commitment to a free Iraq, because it is vital for the Iraqi people to know with certainty that America will not abandon them after we have come this far.” He pledged to “help the new Iraqi Ministers of Defense and Interior improve their command and control, root out corruption, and investigate and punish human rights violations.” He discussed Operation Forward Together, revitalizing Iraq’s economy, and helping the Prime Minister to engage other countries in Iraq’s success. President Bush also discussed the new international compact, saying that “under this compact, Iraq will take a series of steps in the political, economic, and security areas, and in return, the international community will provide Iraq with more robust political and economic support.”



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- In a joint news conference with Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos, Secretary of State Rice said that despite differences the two countries have had with one another, both the US and Spain were “determined to look forward” and have “discussed issues like the new government of Iraq.” Moratinos said that Spain is “firmly committed to supporting [Iraq]” and “promised the new Iraqi foreign minister to visit his country in September, and we’re going to be working on issues such as support for them in communications, health issues, education, and others.”



Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

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PRT Mission Statement:

- To assist Iraq's provincial governments with developing a transparent and sustained capability to govern, promoting increased security and rule of law, promoting political and economic development, and providing provincial administration necessary to meet the basic needs of the population.

Provincial Reconstruction Team Concept:

- The PRT concept was developed to improve on Regional Embassy Office (REO) and Provincial Support Team (PST) programs. The PRTs are a civil-military operation led by the civilians with extensive support from US and Coalition Forces. The PRTs are an integrated capacity-building effort built around Local Governance Program (LGP) and include support from other agencies to cover all key capacity development needs.

PRT Operations Status:

- PRTs have been established in Ninawa, Babil, Kirkuk, Baghdad, and Anbar provinces. The teams are comprised of representatives from the US Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Multi-National Force – Iraq, Department of Justice, Gulf Regional Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, Multi-National Corps – Iraq and Coalition partners.

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